

**MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES  
September 9, 2009**

The August meeting of the Michiana Area Council of Governments Policy Board was held on September 9, 2009, in the Commissioners Conference Room on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the County-City Building in South Bend, Indiana. Robert Kovach, Treasurer, called the meeting to order. It was noted there was a quorum present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dick Moore, Mayor, City of Elkhart  
Mark Root, St. Joseph County Council  
Robert Kovach, St. Joseph County Commissioner  
Allan Kauffman, Mayor, City of Goshen  
Stephen Luecke, Mayor, City of South Bend  
Judy Stone, Marshall County Council

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Letherman, Elkhart County Commissioner  
Frank Lucchese, Elkhart County Commissioners  
Ron Troyer, Elkhart City Council  
Ernest Wiggins, Mayor, City of Warsaw  
Mark Senter, Mayor, City of Plymouth  
Jeff Rea, Mayor, City of Mishawaka  
Robert Sanders, Kosciusko County Council  
Larry Thompson, Mayor, City of Nappanee  
Oliver Davis, South Bend Council  
Ron Truex, Kosciusko County Commissioner  
Gregg Hixenbaugh, Mishawaka City Council  
Kevin Overmyer, Marshall County Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Julie Vuckovich, Senator Evan Bayh  
Evan Guimond, Senator Evan Bayh  
Hodge Patel, Congressman Donnelly  
George Herendeen, MACOG Attorney  
Jackie Hilderbrandt, MPA Architects  
Gary Gilot, City of South Bend  
Rita Kopala, Citizen of Lakeville  
Sandra Seanor, MACOG  
Rosemary Barbara, MACOG  
Zach Dripps, MACOG  
James Turnwald, MACOG  
Jessica Mitchell, MACOG  
Mary Beth McAdams, MACOG  
Karen Hamm, MACOG  
Sherry Sellers, MACOG

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2009 MEETING**

There were no additions or corrections to the August 12, 2009 minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALLAN KAUFFMAN AND  
SECONDED BY MARK ROOT TO APPROVE THE  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2009. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN:** No report.

**FINANCIAL:** Rosemary discussed MACOG’s August 2009 Financial Report and asked for any questions. There being no questions, she asked for the Policy Board’s approval of the report.

Sandi commented that MACOG has made the transfer of funds with Lafayette City Bus. This transaction will show up in the Transit Trust fund.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALLAN KAUFFMAN AND  
SECONDED BY STEPHEN LUECKE TO APPROVE THE  
AUGUST 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**SECRETARY:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recommendations from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee**

Administrative Modifications, Amendments, Major Amendments to the FY2008-2013  
Transportation Improvement Program – definitions on back page of agenda

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT

**Locally Initiated – Resolution – 55-09**

A. Elkhart County Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 55-09 Decrease Federal Funding by \$350,000 Phase: CN Letting Date: 01/2010  
Des# 0800045 **Location: CR 17 Fiber Optic Signal Interconnect – Phase I**

**Other Project Type** SFY: 2010

Total: \$1,750,000 Federal: \$1,400,000 (CMAQ) Local: \$350,000 (CN)

This item decreases the federal funding by \$350,000 for this CR17 Fiber Optic Signal Interconnect project.

B. Elkhart Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 55-09 Decrease Federal Funding by \$257,860 Phase: CN Letting Date: 01/2011  
Des# 0600463 **Location: Prairie St NS RR Underpass Construction**

**RRxing Grade Separation** SFY: 2012

Total: \$27,556,835 Federal: \$3,127,564 (CHPP) & \$3,000,000 (Grp II STP) Local: \$21,171,411 (CN)

This will decrease the federal funding by \$257,860 on the CN phase of the Prairie St. Underpass project.

Elkhart Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 55-09 Increase Federal Funding by \$257,860 Phase: PE Letting Date: 01/2011  
Des# 0600463 **Location: Prairie St NS RR Underpass Construction**

**RRxing Grade Separation** SFY: 2012

Total: \$2,072,436 Federal: \$2,072,436 (CHPP) Local: \$0 (PE)

This will increase the federal funding by \$257,860 on the PE phase of the Prairie St. Underpass project.

Elkhart Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 55-09 Add Project Phase: RW Letting Date: 01/2011  
Des# 0600463 **Location: Prairie St NS RR Underpass Construction**  
**RRxing Grade Separation SFY: 2012**  
Total: \$5,855,820 Federal: \$0 Local: \$5,855,820 (RW)

The City of Elkhart is adding the RW phase to the Prairie St. Underpass project.

Elkhart Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 55-09 Change Scope Phase PE/RW/CN Letting Date: 01/2011  
Des #0600463 **Location: Prairie St NS RR Grade Separation**  
**RRxing Grade Separation SFY: 2012**

The name is being changed on all phases of this project to Prairie St. NS RR Grade Separation.

C. Elkhart Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 55-09 Add Project Phase: PE Letting Date: 01/2011  
Des# TBA **Location: Hively Ave NS RR Grade Separation**  
**RRxing Grade Separation SFY: 2012**  
Total: \$2,007,297 Federal: \$0 Local: \$2,007,297 (PE)  
Total: \$6,106,979 Federal: \$0 Local: \$6,106,979 (RW)  
Total: \$20,468,919 Federal: \$0 Local: \$20,468,919 (CN)

This is an added project from the City of Elkhart for Hively Ave. NS RR Grade Separation.

D. Middlebury Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 55-09 Increase Local Funding by \$8,063 Phase: RW Letting Date: 11/2010  
Des# 0710989 **Location: Middlebury Greenway Phase II – CR 22 to Wayne**  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility SFY: 2011**  
Total: \$359,000 Federal: \$0 Local: \$359,000 (RW)

The Town of Middlebury is increasing the local funding on the RW phase of their Middlebury Greenway Phase II project.

Jessica asked if the Policy Board had any questions. There being none, the Policy Board's approval was asked for.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK ROOT AND SECONDED  
BY DICK MOORE TO APPROVE THE TIP AMENDMENTS IN  
RESOLUTION 55-09. THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Locally Initiated – Resolution – 56-09 - ARRA**

A. Elkhart Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Decrease Funding by \$145,216 Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des# 0900890 **Location: John Weaver Pkwy from CR10 to CR6**  
**Mill & Fill SFY: 2010**  
Total: \$511,620 Federal: \$511,620 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 51,160 Federal: \$ 51,160 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CE)

Jessica mentioned that all projects involved in Resolution 56-00 are related to ARRA. All of the City of Elkhart's items are to balance out their agreed upon distributed amount. Item A decreases funding by \$145,216 on the City of Elkhart's John Weaver Parkway project.

B. Elkhart Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Decrease Funding by \$301,146 Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des# 0900891 **Location: Beardsley Ave from Nappanee St to Edwardsburg Ave**  
**Mill & Fill SFY: 2010**

Total: \$102,480 Federal: \$102,480 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 10,250 Federal: \$ 10,250 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CE)

Funding is being decreased by \$301,146 on the City of Elkhart's Beardsley Ave. project.

Elkhart Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Change Scope Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des# 0900891 **Location: Beardsley Ave from SR 19 to Beech**  
**Mill & Fill SFY: 2010**

Total: \$102,480 Federal: \$102,480 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 10,250 Federal: \$ 10,250 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CE)

The name of the Beardsley Ave. project is being changed to from SR19 to Beech. This will shorten the termini a little.

C. Elkhart Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des# 0901870 **Location: Jeanwood from 100' N of East Lake Drive N to CR 6**  
**HMA Overlay SFY: 2010**

Total: \$188,240 Federal: \$188,240 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 18,800 Federal: \$ 18,800 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CE)

This is an added project on Jeanwood in the City of Elkhart.

D. Elkhart Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des# 0901868 **Location: Old US 20 from Oak Manor Place to Bypass Road**  
**HMA Overlay SFY: 2010**

Total: \$48,000 Federal: \$48,000 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 4,800 Federal: \$ 4,800 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CE)

Another added project on Old US20 in the City of Elkhart.

E. Elkhart Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des# 0901867 **Location: Bypass Road from West Lexington to 550' west of Nappanee**  
**HMA Overlay SFY: 2010**

Total: \$68,000 Federal: \$68,000 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 6,800 Federal: \$ 6,800 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CE)

Additional project involving Bypass Road in the City of Elkhart.

F. Elkhart Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des# 0901869 **Location: Lexington Avenue from Bypass Road to 370' W of 22<sup>nd</sup> St**  
**HMA Overlay SFY: 2010**

Total: \$101,322 Federal: \$101,322 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 10,400 Federal: \$ 10,400 Local: \$0 (ARRA) (CE)

This will add a project on Lexington Ave. in the City of Elkhart.

G. Goshen Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 01/2010  
Des# TBA **Location: Clinton Street from 410 W of Tanglewood Drive to Greene Road - alt  
Mill & Fill 1 ½'** SFY: 2010  
Total: \$140,000 Federal: \$0 Local: \$140,000 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 21,000 Federal: \$0 Local: \$ 21,000 (ARRA) (CE)

The City of Goshen is adding a mill and fill project on Clinton Street.

H. Goshen Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 01/2010  
Des# TBA **Location: Middlebury Street from Main Street to Zollinger Road - alt  
Mill & Fill 1 ½'** SFY: 2010  
Total: \$186,000 Federal: \$0 Local: \$186,000 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 27,900 Federal: \$0 Local: \$ 27,900 (ARRA) (CE)

The City of Goshen is adding this mill and fill project on Middlebury Street.

I. Goshen Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 56-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 01/2010  
Des# TBA **Location: Dierdorff Road from CR 40 to Kercher Road - alt  
HMA Overlay** SFY: 2010  
Total: \$142,500 Federal: \$0 Local: \$142,500 (ARRA) (CN)  
Total: \$ 21,400 Federal: \$0 Local: \$ 21,400 (ARRA) (CE)

A HMA Overlay project is being adding on Dierdorff Road in the City of Goshen.

Jessica called for questions from the Policy Board. There being none, she asked for their approval of Resolution 56-09.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEPHEN LUECKE AND  
SECONDED BY JUDY STONE TO APPROVE THE  
TIP AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 56-09.  
THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### **District Initiated – Resolution – 57-09**

A. INDOT Fort Wayne Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 57-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 04/2010  
Des# 0800138 **Location: Various at various bridge structure locations within the FW District  
Bridge Painting / Rehabilitation** SFY: 4/2010  
Total: \$420,000 Federal: \$336,000 (STP) State: \$84,000

This project is initiated by INDOT-Fort Wayne District. It involves bridge painting and rehabilitation of various bridge structures within the District.

B. INDOT Fort Wayne Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 57-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 04/2010  
Des# 0710925 **Location: Various at various bridges throughout the FW District  
Bridge Maintenance & Repair / Rehabilitation** SFY: 4/2010  
Total: \$530,000 Federal: \$424,000 (STP) State: \$106,000

This project is initiated by INDOT-Fort Wayne District. It involves bridge maintenance & repair of various bridge structures within the district.

Stephen Luecke asked if more specific information is needed concerning what bridges are involved in these projects. Sandi said in general, no, as these are small dollar amounts and there is a large variety of bridges involved. The list would be quite long.

C. INDOT Fort Wayne Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 57-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 04/2010  
Des# 0800166 **Location: Various at various locations within the FW District**  
**Raised Pavement Markings** SFY: 4/2010  
Total: \$250,000 Federal: \$250,000 (100% STP)

D. INDOT Fort Wayne Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 57-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 04/2010  
Des# 0800967 **Location: SR 15 from 1.92 miles N of US 20 to SR 120**  
**HMA Overlay** SFY: 2010  
Total: \$452,000 Federal: \$361,600 (STP) State: \$90,400

INDOT-Fort Wayne is adding this project on SR15 for HMA Overlay.

E. INDOT Fort Wayne Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 57-09 Add Project Phase: PE/CN Letting Date: 04/2011  
Des# 0901859 **Location: US 30 over Deeds Creek (eastbound), 0.96 miles east of SR 15**  
**Replace Structure/ Rehab** SFY: 2010/2011  
Total: \$102,000 Federal: \$ 91,800 (STP) State: \$10,200 (PE)  
Total: \$880,000 Federal: \$792,000 (STP) State: \$88,000 (CN)

INDOT-Fort Wayne is adding this replace/rehabilitation of structure project on US30 over Deeds Creek (eastbound).

F. INDOT Fort Wayne Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 57-09 Add Project Phase: PE/CN Letting Date: 04/2011  
Des# 0901860 **Location: US 30 over Deeds Creek (westbound), 0.96 miles east of SR 15**  
**Replace Structure/ Rehab** SFY: 2010/2011  
Total: \$102,000 Federal: \$ 91,800 (STP) State: \$10,200 (PE)  
Total: \$880,000 Federal: \$792,000 (STP) State: \$88,000 (CN)

This project is the same as Item E, except westbound on US30.

There being no further questions on Resolution 57-09, Jessica asked for the Policy Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK ROOT AND SECONDED BY JUDY STONE TO APPROVE THE TIP AMENDMENTS IN RESOLUTION 57-09. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**LaPorte District**  
**Locally Initiated – Resolution 58-09**

A. St. Joseph County: Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 58-09 Change Scope Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
Des # 0901343 **Location: Brick Road from Gumwood Road to Fir Road- alt**  
**Mill & Fill: SFY 2010**

Total: \$430,000 Federal: \$ - Local: \$430,000 (CN)  
Total: \$ 43,000 Federal: \$ - Local: \$ 43,000 (CE)

James Turnwald said the projects involved in Resolution 58-09 pertain to ARRA. Item A changes the name on a Brick Road project. The project is now from Gumwood Road to Fir Road.

**B. Mishawaka:** Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 58-09 Reduce Funds by \$29,500 Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
DES #: 0900858 **Location: Traffic Signal Modernization / Energy Efficiency Upgrade**  
**Traffic Signal** SFY: 2010

Total: \$368,450 Federal: \$368,450 (CN) (ARRA 100%)  
Total: \$ 36,550 Federal: \$ 36,550 (CE) (ARRA 100%)

The City of Mishawaka is moving some funds around because when they received their engineer's estimates back, some of the projects were higher and some were lower than anticipated. This traffic signal project is being reduced by \$29,500.

Mishawaka: Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 58-09 Reduce Funds by \$65,000 Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
DES #: 0900915 **Location: Large Overhead ID Signage**  
**Traffic Signal** SFY: 2010

Total: \$59,275 Federal: \$59,275 (CN) (ARRA 100%)  
Total: \$ 5,725 Federal: \$ 5,725 (CE) (ARRA 100%)

The City of Mishawaka is reducing funds by \$65,000 on this large overhead ID signage project.

Mishawaka Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 58-09 Increase Funds by \$30,484 Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
DES #: 0900856 **Location: Fir Rd from McKinley Ave to Spur Line of Railroad**  
**Mill & Surface** SFY: 2010

Total: \$152,354 Federal: \$152,354 (CN) (ARRA 100%)  
Total: \$ 15,546 Federal: \$ 15,546 (CE) (ARRA 100%)

Mishawaka Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 58-09 Increase Funds by \$3,065 Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
DES #: 0900857 **Location: McKinley Ave (US 20) from Division St to Home St**  
**Mill & Surface** SFY: 2010

Total: \$475,180 Federal: \$475,180 (CN) (ARRA 100%)  
Total: \$ 50,570 Federal: \$ 50,570 (CE) (ARRA 100%)

This mill and surface project on McKinley Ave. is being increased by \$3,065.

It was noted that the Power Point presentation indicated reduction of the last two items instead of increases. James said the Power Point slides were incorrect. The last two items are increases.

**C. Mishawaka** Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 58-09 Change Scope Phase: CN Letting Date: 12/2009  
DES #: 0900857 **Location: McKinley Avenue (US 20) from 600 feet East of Chestnut**  
**Street to Home Street**  
**Mill & Surface** SFY: 2010

Total: \$475,180 Federal: \$475,180 (CN) (ARRA 100%)  
Total: \$ 50,570 Federal: \$ 50,570 (CE) (ARRA 100%)



**New Road Construction: SFY 2014**

Total: \$ 686,928	Federal: \$ 572,440 (TCSP)	Local: \$ 114,488 (PE)
Total: \$ 62,500	Federal: \$ 50,000 (TCSP)	Local: \$ 12,500 (RW)
Total: \$7,817,225	Federal: \$3,400,000 (Group IV)	Local: \$4,417,225 (CN)

This is a change of scope of the 7<sup>th</sup>(a) Road project. The project originally read 7<sup>th</sup>(a) Road from Pine to US31-7<sup>th</sup>(a) Rd interchange. It now reads 7<sup>th</sup>(a) Road from Michigan St. to new interchange at US31-7<sup>th</sup>(a) Road interchange. This will be the first phase of the project.

There being no questions, James Turnwald asked for the Policy Board’s approval of Resolution 59-09.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDY STONE AND  
SECONDED BY ALLAN KAUFFMAN TO APPROVE  
THE TIP AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION  
59-09. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**INDOT LaPorte District Initiated – Resolution 60-09**

**A. INDOT Laporte:** Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 60-09 Change Funding Type Phase: CN Letting Date: 2010  
Des # 0900052 **Location: SR 23 from 0.1 mi. N of US6 (Tyler) to 0.3 mi S of SR4 (King)**  
**HMA Overlay**  
Total: \$2,002,000 Federal: \$1,601,600 (ST STP) State: \$400,400

James Turnwald indicated that the amendments in Resolution 60-09 were initiated by INDOT – LaPorte District. This item changes the funding type to State STP. It was noted the amounts were listed incorrectly on the Power Point and in the agenda. The state amount should be \$400,400 (not \$440,000).

**B. INDOT Laporte:** Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN  
Resolution 60-09 Add Project Phase: CN Letting Date: 2010  
Des # 0400228 **Location: US 31 from W interchange with US 20 to bridge over Toll Rd**  
**HMA Functional Overlay**  
Total: \$550,000 Federal: \$440,000 (NHS) State: \$110,000

The INDOT-LaPorte District is adding a project on US31 for a HMA Functional Overlay.

There being no further questions or comments, James asked for the Policy Board’s approval of this Resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEPHEN LUECKE AND  
SECONDED BY DICK MOORE TO APPROVAL THE  
TIP AMENDMENTS IN RESOLUTION 60-09. THE  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Transit Amendments  
Resolution 61-09**

A. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 61-09 Add Project SFY: 2010  
**Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area**  
**Flex CMAQ Funds from FHWA to FTA for Operating**  
**Assistance for the Interurban Trolley**  
Total: \$160,000 Federal: \$128,000 Local: \$32,000

This is an added project which flexes CMAQ funds from FHWA to FTA for Operating Assistance for the Interurban Trolley. This is part of three years of funding to fund the connecting route that will begin September 21<sup>st</sup>. The connecting point will be the Martin's Supermarket at Bittersweet.

B. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 61-09 Delete Project SFY: 2009

**Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area**

**Flex to FTA New Route Operations**

Total: \$812,500 Federal: \$650,000 Local: \$162,500

This project is being deleted from the TIP. This project is not something that will be used. It is an old item that needs to be cleaned out of the TIP.

Karen asked for questions. There being none, she requested the approval of the Policy Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DICK MOORE AND  
SECONDED BY ALLAN KAUFFMAN TO APPROVE  
THE TIP AMENDMENTS IN RESOLUTION 61-09.  
THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **Letters of Support from Policy Board for TIGER Grants**

Sandi said the MACOG has received a number of requests from our local public agencies to have the MPOs sign on to a letter of support for their TIGER submittals. TIGER grants are available now for under \$20 million and over \$20 million. This is part of the stimulus package for large projects. They have to be justified in a certain way. It is our understanding that on state roads, INDOT may not be providing letters of concurrence. The state is looking at five projects including I69, Hoosier Heartland and Port to Port. The City of South Bend is looking at an intersection at Portage Prairie. The City of Elkhart is looking at projects on Hively and Prairie grade separations. MACOG has been asked to do TIGER Grants for Marshall County for their 7<sup>th</sup> Road project. MACOG has also been asked to look at CY17 for additional funding for Elkhart County. Sandi said if the Policy Board is agreeable the letters of support will be written for these projects. The grants are due September 15<sup>th</sup>.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEPHEN LUECKE AND  
SECONDED BY DICK MOORE TO HAVE LETTERS OF  
SUPPORT FROM THE POLICY BOARD SUPPLIED FOR  
THE TIGER GRANT PROJECTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **Staff Update:**

#### **Transportation Enhancement Update**

Sandi said that the MPOs have a dedicated amount of Transportation Enhancement (TE) money. You no longer compete statewide for the funds. These dollars amount to about \$1.1 million. MACOG has a call out for projects and the state also calls for their enhancement projects at the same time on the rural side. When you are a member of MACOG as a rural county or city, we provide the same services as to an urban area, but MACOG does require that the applications are received by MACOG about 30 days before they are due to INDOT, if you expect the MPO to sign off on the project that MACOG has reviewed and vetted it. MACOG looks at the project to see if it qualifies based on the requirements for enhancement projects and that it is cleaned up and meets the criteria for the size of the file. A copy of what projects were submitted by the deadline and which projects came in at what dollar amount was provided to the Policy Board.

### **ARRA Processing**

The Commissioner of INDOT told the State Budget Committee that the MPOs were lagging behind in their ARRA Processing. Either the Commissioner was ill informed or was not informed, but the Indiana MPO Council has met with INDOT staff member Audra Butts. The last two MPO Council meetings included a time where each MPO could discuss with Audra exactly where they were at with their projects. All of the MPOs met the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. We have been a little later than other folks because most of us were trying to get our rural partners in on the process. A listing of the ARRA Award Letting Schedule for each of the four counties was supplied to the Policy Board.

Bob Kovach asked if this was similar to the document that was supplied at the last meeting. James Turnwald said that yes, it is an updated version of that document. There are some additional projects that have been added.

To guarantee that the urban areas spend every penny of their money, it was discussed at MPO Council the need to find two projects that are going to a regular letting date. MACOG is going to pull a couple of projects that are going to a regular letting date in January and put them on the ARRA January letting date and put \$10,000 in each one. The reason for that is that if we get price favorability in December and we can pull the alternates in, we can fund them. If we get price favorability again in January, we are down to the wire and can't do that anymore. What we have agreed with INDOT, is that we will take two of our jobs on a normal letting date and put them on ARRA. Any money left over will go to those 100%.

### **October Policy Board Meeting**

The October Policy Board meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month rather than the usual second Wednesday, due to the MPO Conference. The date will be October 21<sup>st</sup>. The TIP and the Transportation Plan Amendment will be presented at this meeting for the Policy Board's approval.

### **Group III Call for Projects**

The Group III Call for Projects is coming out. This affects Plymouth and Warsaw. The call will be issued on September 21<sup>st</sup> and the projects are due to MACOG by October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **MACOG Logo**

MACOG is working on a new logo and updating our website. An address will be sent out to the Policy Board where they can make comments on the changes.

### **Transportation Enhancement Funding**

Sandi said that in the past the Transportation Enhancement projects were funded for the CN phase only. St. Joseph County has requested that the Policy Board consider funding all eligible project costs, including PE and RW. This would create a situation where there are less CN dollars and also, if you spend federal money for PE or RW and then don't move the project forward within three years, you will have to pay the money back to FHWA. This request will be run by the TTAC in October. Sandi asked that the Policy Board think about this until the next meeting.

### **New Interurban Trolley Route**

Sandi mentioned the new Interurban Trolley route that will be started on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This route will connect the Interurban Trolley with the Transpo bus at the Martin's Supermarket on Bittersweet. There will be a News Conference concerning this on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

There were no comments

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the following action was taken:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALLAN KAUFFMAN AND  
SECONDED BY STEPHEN LUECKE TO ADJOURN THE  
MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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Sandra Seanor, Executive Director

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Robert Kovach, Treasurer

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